

MODIFICATION NO. 2

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)
M/OP-02-1132**

**INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE
FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH (INFO)**

**CORRECTION TO
“LISTING OF INTERESTED PARTIES”**

Correction

Under modification no. 1 please delete the "blank" page following the "Listing of Interested Parties" and remove the page following the "blank page". These pages were inadvertently included and are not associated with this RFA.

The "Interested Parties" list is as shown on page 1 of attachment 1 under modification 1, (CARE, Johns Hopkins University, PATH, and The Population Reference Bureau).

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RFA #M/OP-02-1132

1. **QUESTION:** On page 1, paragraph 2, the proposal lists "knowledge sharing tools such as the Reproductive Health Internet Gateway, Population Reports, International Family Planning Perspectives, and the Contraceptive Technology Handbook. It goes on to state that "It is expected that these activities will remain under this award." Yet on page 20, paragraph 7.b. the RFA provides a dollar estimate for the production of International Family Planning Perspectives (\$1 million). Should offerors assume that the other three tools can be redesigned according to the offeror's judgment?

ANSWER: Offerors are free to suggest potential redesigns to Reproductive Health Internet Gateway, Population Reports and the Contraceptive Technology Handbook.

Note: USAID has revised question 1 above. The question, as submitted, included the following language: "Yet on page 20, paragraph 7.b. the RFA only provides a dollar estimate for the production of International Family Planning Perspectives (\$1 million) *to be passed through to the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Does USAID view the other three tools as pass-throughs as well? If yes, can USAID provide similar budget information? If no, are offerors to assume that these tools can be redesigned according to the offeror's judgment?*" Please be advised that the RFA did not and does not intend to identify the Alan Guttmacher Institute or any other organization as a "pass-through".

2. **QUESTION:** On page 6, paragraph 1, the RFA states that building local institutional capacity will be "mostly conducted with Mission funding." Given the need to demonstrate technical leadership, pilot innovative training strategies, and promote south-to-south activities, can offerors assume that core funding can be used throughout the life of the project for selected training initiatives?

ANSWER: USAID will consider the use of core funding for selected training initiatives. Approval of selected training activities will occur in the annual workplan submission.

3. **QUESTION:** The RFA does not mention PopLine, one of the current components of PIP. Is USAID assuming that this service will continue under INFO?

ANSWER: POPLINE will continue as a service under the INFO award.

4. **QUESTION:** Communication materials are often an integral part of the documentation and synthesis of useful best approaches and findings, and the sharing of those materials enhances and strengthens such documentation. In light of the RFA's statement that, "This award will not include a materials clearinghouse..." (page 1 of Section I. Program Description), is it the intention of USAID that INFO collect only those communication materials that introduce or embody best practices, or rather that INFO collect a wide variety of materials so as to identify those that reflect or promote best practices?

ANSWER: It is true that the INFO award will not include a materials clearinghouse. However, in order for INFO to carry out its mandate to document and synthesize useful best approaches and findings it will be necessary to collect those materials that introduce or embody best practices, but INFO is not expected to be a clearinghouse for these materials.

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